



Ms Avis Gayle, affectionately known by friends and family as “Stephanie”, hails from Clarendon Jamaica. During her formative years, she represented her alma mater Edwin Allen Comprehensive High School in many public speaking competitions, and showcased her flare and talent for dance and theater. In

1996, she was the youngest contestant to enter and win the coveted Ms Edwin Allen Crown. After high school Avis moved on to study at Shortwood Teachers’ College in Kingston, Jamaica, where she majored in Spanish and Linguistics. She later migrated to Atlanta, where she continued to pursue her studies in Early Childhood Education at Georgia Piedmont Technical College and also received a Professional Learning Certification in Substance Abuse from Georgia Southern University. She has worked with preschool to school aged children since, and has also developed a passion for individuals with developmental disabilities, and has also worked in the social work field as a case manager and advocate.

She has also served as church secretary assisting with public relations, coordinating and organizing functions. She can be seen volunteering in her community, most recently joining the Atlanta Caribbean Gospel Song Competition Team as the Public Relations Coordinator.

She enjoys a great game of golf or tennis and she loves to plan great road trips for her family. As Avis pursues her passions and career, she holds these two quotes dear to my thoughts; ***“I have strength for all things in Christ.....; I am self-sufficient in Christ’s sufficiency.” __ Phil 14:13 (AMP)*** and by — ***Dr Martin Luther King Jr, “If you can't fly then run, if you can't run then walk, if you can't walk then crawl, but whatever you do you have to keep moving forward.”***